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**Subject:**

*LIEAB Members:*

*The next meeting of the LIEAB is Wednesday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. at CRT, 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT. The attached board packet includes the agenda and draft minutes of the April meeting.*

*Please let me know if you are unable to attend.*

*Thanks*

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## **Agenda**

### **Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008  
10:00 – 12:00 Noon**

**Community Renewal Team  
555 Windsor Street  
Hartford, CT**

- I. Welcome**
- II Approval of April Minutes**
- III. Chairman's Report**
- IV. CAA-NH Discussion**
  - Amos Smith**
- IV. DSS Report**
  - Update on Current Energy Program**
- V. Other Business**

**Draft**  
**Low-Income Energy Advisory Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**  
**AARP**  
**Hartford, CT**

Attendees: Carlene Taylor, Pamela Giannini for Claudette Beaulieu, Shirley Bergert, Marilyn Hayes for John Betkoski, Marla Hinz, James Gatling, Laura Gonzalez, Edith Karsky, James McNalley, Deb Polun, David Thomas, Lance Johnson, Patricia Wrice, Ray Wilson, and Walter Wisnefsky,

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
Welcome	The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m.
Approval of March Minutes	James Gatling moved approval of the March 12 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marla Hinz and approved unanimously on a voice vote.
Chairman's Report  Energy Legislative Update	Legislative Update on proposed energy bills will be discussed at the May meeting.
DSS Report	<p>As of April 7 (CEAP, SAFA, CHAP) a total of 90,856 applications taken; 75,197 eligible; 13,538 denied; 2,121 pending certification, 28,125 received Crisis Assistance and 18,326 received Safety Net Assistance.</p> <p>Board members expressed concerns regarding the disparity in the number of energy applications taken in the New Haven area for fiscal year 2008 as compared to 2007. It was suggested that Amos Smith – President/CEO, New Haven CAA attend the May meeting to discuss this issue.</p>
Clean Slate Report	Patricia Wrice provided an update on Operation Fuel's clean slate program. The program will provide a one-time grant targeted to low-income families with high utility arrearages. The program grants will cover both heat and non-heat utility needs. Referral to the program will be made by the energy banks. The funding level for this program is \$2.5 million. Due to limited resources Operation Fuel has yet to formally publicize the program.

<p>DPUC Working Group</p>	<p>Shirley Bergert agreed to share a benefit screening tool she developed for use in the CHFA and HUD sponsored programs to assist potential households facing foreclosure due to sub prime mortgages.</p> <p>Patricia Wrice gave an update on the DPUC Working Group discussion regarding S.B. 589 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC AND GAS CUSTOMER DISCOUNT RATE. Members decided upon the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Maximum poverty threshold (income limit) of 150%</li> <li>-Application of the discount rate to households' complete energy burden</li> <li>-A "clean slate" component to the program, in which high arrearages can be paid and clients/customers can begin the discount rate program with a zero balance.</li> <li>-A sunset provision for other utility company arrearage forgiveness programs</li> <li>-A comprehensive communication/education plan that is tied to conservation and weatherization programs</li> <li>-Utility company cost recovery through the system benefit charge (SBC) or gas rates</li> <li>-Provision of case management services for clients</li> <li>-DPUC evaluation of additional requirements for eligibility: conservation load management (CLM), time-of-use rates and alternate energy suppliers</li> <li>-Consideration of a low-income rate for deliverable fuels</li> </ul> <p>If the bill passes the DPUC working group, as part of the LIEAB, would like to formally provide input to DPUC on the development, implementation and evaluation of the discount rate program.</p> <p>Members agreed to meet with consultants from Apprise to discuss their study regarding ratepayer funded low-income energy programs.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined at a later date.</p>